GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Public Services - Forest Department - Disciplinary case of Sri J Hari Babu, ACF (retd) former DFO Krishna Division - Article of Charge issued - Inquiry finalized and findings received - Imposing a penalty of 5% cut in pension for a period of two (2) years against the Charged Officer - Show-Cause-Notice Issued - Explanation received – Final Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SEC.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 53 Dated: 27-05-2016.

Read the following:

1. From the Prl.CCF Lr.Rc.No.28115/2012/K3, Dt:28-06-2014.
2. G.M. No. 4144/For.IV/A1/2014-1, dt. 02.07.2015.
3. From the PCCF, Lr. Ref. No. 28115/2012/Vig-3, dt. 29.01.2016.
4. Govt. Lr. No. 4144/For.IV/A1/2014, dt.16.03.2016
5. From the Prl. Secretary, APPSC, Lr. No. 256/DC&C/2/2016, dt. 10.05.2016.

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In the reference 1st read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P., Hyderabad has informed that an Article of Charge was issued against Sri J.Hari Babu, Assistant Conservator of Forests (retd) former Divisional Forest Officer, Krishna Division vide PCCF's Ref.No. No.28115/2012/P.1, dt.25.2.2013, on the following count:

Article: ***"That he has committed grave irregularities in suppressing the fact of encroachment and furnished misleading report for submission to the Chief Conservator of Forests, (Central) MoEF Bangalore, thereby aiding the encroachers***"

2. The Charged Officer acknowledged the Article of Charge on 13.3.2013 and submitted the written statement of defence on dt.21.3.2013. After examining the same, the Conservator of Forests, Rajahmundry and Divisional Forest Officer, Krishna were appointed as Inquiry Officer and Presenting Officer respectively, for conducting regular inquiry, vide PCCF's Proc.No.28115/2012/P1.(i)(ii), dt.8.4.2013.

3. The Inquiry Officer conducted enquiry and submitted findings vide Conservator of Forests, Rajahmundry Rc.No.1626/2012/M8, dt.22.2.2014, wherein he has held the charge proved. The Findings of the Inquiry Officer were communicated to the Charged Officer vide PCCF's Ref.No.28115/2012/K3, dt.12.3.2014. The Charged Officer submitted his further defense statement on 14.4.2014, in which he has not put forth any new points to be considered. Therefore, the charge stands proved beyond any doubt.

4. The Charged Officer has retired from service on attaining the age of superannuation on 30.06.2013. Hence, the disciplinary proceedings are continued under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

5. After careful examination of the matter, with reference to the findings of the Inquiry Officer, the remarks of the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, and material made available, Government have observed that the charge framed against the Charged Officer is held proved and provisionally decided to impose a penalty of 5% cut in pension for a period of two years on the charged officer, Sri J.Hari Babu, Assistant Conservator of Forests (retd) former Divisional Forest Officer, Krishna Division, under rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

6. Accordingly a Show-Cause-Notice was issued to the retired officer vide reference 2nd read above. The PCCF, A.P., Hyderabad, vide ref.3rd read above has informed that, the Charged Officer did not submit his further defense statement till to the Show Cause Notice. Moreover, time granted for submitting further explanation is also over.

7. Government, after careful examination of the matter hereby order to impose a penalty of 5% cut in pension for a period of (2) two years against the retired Charged Officer Sri J. Hari Babu, ACF(Retd.), under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

8. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P. Hyderabad is directed to take action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

ASHWINI KUMAR PARIDA
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P., Hyderabad.
The Individual (through Principal Chief Conservator of Forests).

Copy to:
The Accountant General (A&E) A.P., Hyderabad.
The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, Hyderabad, A.P.
The Principal Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission, Hyderabad
(with ref. to Lr.No.256/DC&C/2/2016, dt.10.05.2016).

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SECTION OFFICER